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- Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111 (9 pgs.);
- Petition for Two Months Extension of Time (2 pgs.);
- Petition for Requirement of Restriction under 37 CFR 1.144 (4 pgs.);
- Attachment:
 - copy of paper No. 9 (mailed on 7 August 1998-first four pages);
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: STEINBUCHEL et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/750,986
FILED: 28 December 2000
FOR: SYNTHETIC ENZYMES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CONIFERYL
ALCOHOL, CONIFERALDEHYDE, FERULIC ACID, VANILLIN AND
VANILIC ACID AND THEIR USE
ART UNIT: 1652
EXAMINER: Delia Ramirez

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 2 July 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows as stated in the "Amendments to the Specification"; "Amendments to the Claims" and "Amendments to the Drawings" sections (as applicable) in this response.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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